and initiatives for power sector reforms. It is further reiterated that where free or subsidized power is provided to a section of consumers, the State Government shall ensure upfront payment of the same to the utilities.

9. The Conference recognizes that there is a very significant potential of saving electricity through its efficient use; and resolves that Sates and the Centre should focus on Demand Side Management measures and ensure such interventions as would provide immediate results for saving electricity. These interventions could include bulk procurement and distribution of CFLs, adoption of the Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC), promoting and mandating the use of energy efficient pump sets and other energy efficient equipment and appliances, besides giving appropriate financial and tax incentives for their manufacture.

10. To periodically review the implementation of the resolutions adopted in the Conference, it is decided to set up a Standing Group of Power Ministers under the Chairmanship of the Union Power Minister to meet once a quarter.

Power situation

†1040. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that generation and consumption of electricity has decreased heavily;

(b) whether it is also a fact that several projects for increasing the generation capacity of power are pending with Government for a long time;

(c) if so, whether Government is taking steps to augment the generation of power; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir. All India generation and consumption of electricity has increased during the last 3 years as given below:

Year	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Actual generation (BU)	558.34	587.42	617.51
All India Per Capita Consumption (kWh)	592.00	612.50	631.41

(b) to (d) No, Sir. As per Electricity Act, 2003 any generating company may establish a thermal generating station without obtaining a licence under this Act if it complies with the technical standards relating to the connectivity with the grid. Concurrence of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) is also not required for thermal power generation schemes. For hydro generation schemes, CEA has formulated guidelines to accord concurrence to the schemes within a period 90 working days from the date of receipt of the Detailed Project Report

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complete in all respects. No project which has received all clearance is pending for more than three months for investment approval of the Government. A capacity addition of 78,578 MW has been proposed during the 11th Plan.

Rural electrification in Rajasthan

†1041. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rajasthan Government has sent schemes to the Central Government for providing power to the domestic consumers in rural areas under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana;

(b) if so, how many schemes have been sent to the Central Government by the State Government for approval;

(c) the schemes sanctioned and the reasons for withholding sanction of the remaining schemes; and

(d) by when the remaining schemes would be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Rajasthan State has submitted 41 DPRs covering release of 2283363 rural household connections including 1755735 BPL household connections in the State, involving an outlay of Rs.112343.73 lakhs under RGGVY.

(c) The Monitoring Committee on RGGVY has accorded sanction for 25 projects for execution during 10th Plan covering release of 1009310 rural household connections (including 699951 BPL household connections) involving an outlay of Rs.45323.21 lakhs.

In addition, the Monitoring Committee on RGGVY has also accorded approval for execution of 14 projects during Phase-I of the 11th Plan for release of 1103313 rural household connections (including 939693 BPL household connections) with an outlay of Rs.54544.31 lakh. Project-wise details are presented in the enclosed statement. (*See* below)

(d) One supplementary project for Barmer district and additional project of Naguar district, duly revised interims of RGGVY Guidelines are awaited. The State Govt. has assigned execution of these projects to POWERGRID who are being persuaded for early submission of revised projects. On receipt of these projects, if found eligible, these shall be put up to the Monitoring Committee for consideration of approval, after due diligence and clearance by REC.

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